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SUBJ: REGIONAL SEMINAR FOR FSL COMMERCIAL

SPECIALISTS

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1. EMBASSY FULLY AGREEABLE TO PLANS FOR REGIONAL SEMINAR IN ABIDJAN WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14. WILL ASSIST IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS. EMBASSY HAS CONFERENCE ROOM ON PREMISES WHICH COULD ACCOMMODATE SUCH A GROUP, AND TABLES, PROJECTOR AND CHALKBOARD ARE AVAILABLE AS WELL. HOWEVER, IF PREFERABLE, HOTEL CONFERENCE ROOMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE, BUT AT CONSIDERABLE COST (FROM ABOUT \$160 PER DAY UP). AMPLE HOTEL SPACE IS AVAILABLE IN ABIDJAN, MUCH OF IT WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE TO THE EMBASSY AND DOWNTOWN. WE PERCEIVE NO DIFFICULTY WITH HOTEL ROOM AVAILABILITY IN NOVEMBER SO LONG AS RESERVATIONS ARE MADE WELL IN ADVANCE. COST OF ROOMS PER DAY VARIES FROM A LOW OF ABOUT \$20 TO A HIGH OF \$40. NOTE: THESE ARE TODAY'S RATES AND MAY INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY BY NEXT OCTOBER AS INFLATION RATE IS HIGH.

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2. VISA RESTRICTIONS. ALL PARTICIPANTS SHOULD CHECK AND SEE IF VISAS ARE REQUIRED. LIST OF COUNTRIES REQUIRING VISAS FOR ENTRY INTO IVORY COAST IS CONSTANTLY CHANGING. HOWEVER, IF VISAS ARE REQUIRED, IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE ONE BEFORE ARRIVAL. THERE ARE ABSOLUTELY NO VISAS ISSUED AT THE AIRPORT. FOR HOLDERS OF SOUTH AFRICAN PASSPORTS IT IS NECESSARY TO BEGIN VISA APPLI-

CATION AT LEAST 60 DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE. PASSPORTS
AND REQUESTS FOR IVORY COAST VISA SHOULD BE SUBMITTED
TO FRENCH EMBASSY IN JOHANNESBURG. THEY NOTIFY US
(AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN) AND WE SEND A DIPLOMATIC NOTE
REQUESTING VISA. ALL THIS TAKES SEVERAL WEEKS.
THIS IS ONLY UNUSUAL VISA PROCEDURE AT THIS TIME.
HOWEVER, ALL VISAS SHOULD BE APPLIED FOR WELL IN
ADVANCE OF DEPARTURE.
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